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Aruba goes to the polls on September 27th! Political motorcades fill island roads during final rallies prior to elections



Arriving and departing island visitors may very well been regretting a trip to Baby Beach or weekend travel this past Saturday and Sunday, as political supporters of Aruba two top parties took to the roads in a final grand gesture of support for the favorite candidates.

On Saturday, the brilliant yellow of the Movimiento Electoral di Pueblo or MEP, covered cars and trucks as began their rally with 935 cars departing from the Joe

Laveist Ballpark in San Nicolas. They wended their way along Aruba's main highway to the Pos Chikito crossing, through Santa Cruz, to their headquarters in the home of the parties founder, G.F. "Betico" Croes, which is now a memorial to his memory. Observers noted it took two hours and 40 minutes to pass at any given location.

Aruba's current administration, Arubaanse Volkspartij, AVP, filled Aruba's

western roads on Sunday with about 3000 vehicles displaying the intense green associated with AVP. Supporters gathered at various points around the island to rally for their candidate of choice, eventually passing through the streets of Oranjestad, Ponton, Shaba and Palm Beach and the western suburbs of the island in one giant motorcade. Late in the afternoon the huge line of vehicles snaked east for Santa

Cruz to finish at the Joe Laveist Ballpark with a remaining 1,753, around 10:00 PM. Observers noted it took the parade, on average, 9 hours to pass any given point. This far exceeds even the longest of carnival parades, making it one of the most well attended political demonstrations on Aruba.

These political parades take place only every four years, offering islanders and opportunity to demonstrate their

party loyalties, but, most importantly, a day of partying in the name of political progress!

Elections will take place this coming Friday, September 27, for a final burst of colorful support from the six parties with registered candidates for Aruba's 21-seat parliament.

Aruba has one of the highest rates of voter participation in its elections. Last year, 85% of those registered turned out to vote.

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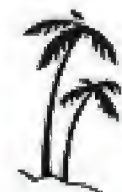
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OP ED: Aruba's Tourism Industry should be a vital, evolving product



A shot of Aruba's 1st Electric Festival

Among the droves of motivational speakers, invited to Aruba to present at various events, particularly among those addressing the tourism industry and marketing, a very clear message is oft repeated, "continuing to rely on the methods of last year's successes will leave you a year behind the competition." This message was also brought forth by the guest speaker at the World Tourism Day observance conducted by Aruba's tourism marketing entity, the Aruba Tourism Authority, (ATA) last week.

The Executive Vice President of Resonance Consultancy, Richard Cutting-Miller, presented the various aspects of tourism markets and niches that any agency worth its salt must study and pursue to fully serve their nation's needs. Relying solely on the demographics that supported and

built Aruba's tourism industry during its primary growth beginning around 1980, would be ignoring how society evolves and changes, and when considered, only successful in the short term.

About 20 years ago, a stewardess on a regular Aruba run, described their passengers as "the newlywed and nearly dead." True, newlyweds, retirees and a mature clientele with disposable income have always been the Caribbean's prime demographic, not only Aruba's.

The ATA has funded over the past few years, some experimental efforts to entice different, niche demographics to the island, some of the events, unfortunately, not as successful as we would hope. Others, such as the recent Electrical Festival, surprisingly so.

Perhaps it should not be so surprising, as the Soul Beach

Music Festival is a highly successful event, bring thousands of visitors a year for the Memorial Day Weekend. This is a very particular niche group and an event with a huge marketing engine behind it, independent of the ATA.

However, it now with more than ten years coming to Aruba, mostly because of a distinct preference for the island as the venue, expressed by those attending annually. It has also produced travelers who have purchased time-shares to return at other times of the year, and who heartily recommend the island to their friends and families.

Who would have thought that watching DJ's spin the turntables for three nights in row, (admittedly surrounded by an astounding light show) would bring thousands to Aruba for what wasn't even a holiday weekend? Tradition-

ally, this time is one of the slowest of the year for the island, so it was an excellent choice to stimulate travel.

Many may feel that this target group is not "ideal," they may not have the money to spend at jewelry stores and more exclusive shops, but one day, perhaps in the not so distant future, they will. So the success of the Electric Festival and this marketing effort can be considered both short and long term. It not only stimulated arrivals at a time of the year that needs it greatly, but it introduces a new generation of travelers to the island, early on in their traveling experience acquainting them to Aruba's many exceptional virtues, not the least of which was easily interacting with the local

population.

We forget that the 60+ travelers of today were the same "hippies" filling a field in Woodstock, New York in 1969 or stadiums and concert halls around the U.S. where they "tuned in and turned on." Those young people who filled Nikky Beach by the thousands for the Electric Festival this year will be the next generation of honeymooners, parents and grandparents traveling to Aruba with families, keeping our tourism industry growing and alive.

Most have grumbled through the vast and disruptive improvements being made to Oranjestad, sometimes scratching our heads and wondering whether it is worth it.

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Welcome back to Lago High School class of '66



Laurie Rockwell and her paintings of Aruba

There is a devoted group numbering in the hundreds, scattered around the world, who remember growing up on Aruba in the Lago Colony with tremendous nostalgia. These "Lago Babies" were the children of the executives imported from around the world, who lived with their families in the colony and worked at the refinery. Several of their progeny were born on Aruba at the special hospital maintain on site, and attended and graduated the school that has evolved into the International School of Aruba.

On a number of occasions in the past the "Lagoites" have gathered on the island by the hundreds during organized reunions. As years go by, these have become less frequent and their numbers have dwindled, the last class to attend the school was in 1985, when the Esso/Exxon Refinery closed its doors.

The years and their diasporas to distance places have not diminished their love of Aruba and warm memories of growing up on the island. The MVC Residence in Eagle Beach welcomed a contingent of alumni from the Lago Class of '66 back after an 18 month hiatus since their last visit. A number of the students did not make it to graduation, as their parents were relocated to other refineries, but they still feel a part of the group and are treated as such. The group of 18 are enjoying being back in Aruba and recalling the many adventures they had on the island.

"Aruba was heaven for kids," recall John Turner, whose father was First Mate on the Lake Tanker Valera, which was sunk by the German U-Boat 518 on March 7, 1944. "Once school was out and on weekends, we were outside all the time, until we had to go to bed. There was

no end to the adventure to be found in Aruba's environment, for curious youngsters." John's father fortunately survived the sinking of the ship, which claimed the life of its captain, William Marshal Russell. First Mate Henry John Turner also served on the Pedernales in 1941, prior to that tanker being sunk off Aruba's shores with several deaths in February of 1942. Lucky for John!

"What was wonderful for us then is still true of the island," asserts John. "The island, of course, is vastly built up from when we lived here, but the weather, the wind, the sea, music and countryside and still take us back to those special times."

Laurie Rockwell, who demonstrates her singular attachment to Aruba by regularly producing beautiful landscape paintings of the places she loved most, recalls some of their youthful hijinks. "We used to hold scorpion races. The we would dare each other to place our arms on this wall where scorpions passed with regularity, holding still while they crawled over our wrists. Once I had one turn and start crawling up my arm, so I had to blow it off."

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Susan Rosborough Dennis still has the paper featuring her family visit

Oh, those crazy kids...video games don't seem such a bad way to keep the young ones busy now, do they?

"When my father was transferred to Connecticut for work, we were heartbroken," recalls Laurie. "My brother and I cried ourselves to sleep for years. It was so cold! We had to wear shoes all the time! The school system, I must admit, was excellent...but it just wasn't life in Aruba."

Susan Rosborough came prepared for the reunion with school yearbooks and mint condition copies of the Esso Times that are 50 years old. Her family welcomed relatives for a reunion on the island where they number almost thirty, and this was front page news for the English paper that serviced the colony.

Gathered together for their third class reunion on Aruba are Elsje van Ogtrop, Margie de Ruyter, Inga de Ruyter, Yoke Waasdorp, Brian Hunter, Susan Storey Hunter, Mary Schwarz Sinker, Fred Sinker, Martin Dimmock, Kathy Farrell Weinroth, John Turner, Antoinette Wagemaker, Hans Wagemaker, Susan Rosborough Dennis, Doug Denning, Lyn Taecker, Laurie Freundel-Rockwell and Chuck Bean. They report they are having a fabulous time, and hope for many more. The Lagoites, children of the colony and their descendants, maintain a fascinating website with wonderful memorabilia and excellent detail of historic events surrounding the refinery and their lives on Aruba at <http://www.lago-colony.com/>

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The recent compliments of the Florida Caribbean Cruise Association pertaining to these beautification efforts, and their signing of an MOU to commit to promoting Aruba heavily as a cruise destination, shows they have paid off. Considering that only 4 years ago the cruise lines were cutting Aruba from their schedules due to the extra cost in fuel to travel here, and the fact that this have been turned around completely due to these improvements, demonstrates the long term benefits of a temporary inconvenience.

Mr. Cutting-Miller, a 25-year industry veteran dedicated to tourism strategy and master planning, spoke of the many distinctive demograph-

ics of travelers, which the ATA should target to keep growing Aruba's tourism product. In his discussion of "Tourism Trends," he cited Shopping Tourism as one of the greatest motivators, particularly for travelers from the Far East. Booming economies are resulting in "millions of Millionaires," but a fact of life is that such shoppers are also bargain shoppers when it comes to designer goods. Saving \$700 on a handbag that would now cost \$2,000, is bargain shopping at a level that does not address the average traveler to which Aruba is accustomed. However, these shoppers will appreciate and buy authentic local fine art and crafts sold at prices that are

fair to the artists, rather than "Made in China" kitsch.

Among the many demographics which Aruba's tourism entities must consider approaching, Mr. Cutting-Miller listed Conspicuous Leisure, which the island has in ample supply. Creative Tourism (on Aruba, glass crafting classes, for one) Whole Living (spas, yoga classes) Culinary Tourism (and authentic taste of native cuisine), Bleisure, (the need to be connected and still do business while vacationing) Active Adventuring (unique experiences not readily available at home) to name only a few of the sectors our tourism entities must address and plan for.

Multi-generational Travel,

a vacation with diversity to suite three generations of a family, has long been Aruba's strong point. Also, the Gay on the Go, and their increasing spending power cannot be ignored, as well as staging major athletic events that attract athletes and their families, as well as spectators.

Quite a list! That is many events, facilities, and improvements that must come under consideration at budget allotment time, such as making the island more wheelchair and disability accessible. From the statistics unveiled at the World Tourism Day event we see there is much accomplished, and much to still be done.

There is an old adage many cite when resisting

change "If it ain't broke, don't fix it." However, to be realistic, in the world of tourism competitiveness, of which Aruba is rated #1 in the Caribbean by an independent agency, tourism always needs fixing, vision and advancement. Aruba's tourism product continues to grow, beyond that of the region, of which many destinations experienced negative growth. This is encouraging, and though some actions don't always make sense at the time, and mistakes will be made. The numbers don't lie, and it would seem Aruba's tourism entities are doing their best for the island.

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Kenya troops have mall 'under control' after three day bloodbath

NAIROBI (AFP) - Kenyan troops are "in control" of Nairobi's Westgate shopping mall, the Kenyan interior ministry announced overnight Monday, with all the hostages trapped by Islamist gunmen believed to have been freed.

A government spokesman told AFP the three-day-long siege, in which the attackers massacred at least 62 shoppers and staff, was close to being declared over. He said special forces combing the building were no longer encountering any resistance.

After a day of fierce gunfire, huge explosions and black smoke that billowed over the Kenyan capital, the vast centre was quiet 60 hours after the gunmen stormed the complex, an AFP reporter at the scene said.

No details on the numbers of hostages released have been given, but 63 people were earlier recorded missing by the Red Cross, a figure thought to include hostages as well as those possibly killed.

Almost 200 were wounded in the attack, and at least 11 Kenyan troops were wounded in intense gun battles on Monday, the army said.

Special forces on Monday also killed at least three gunmen and wounded several in bitter fighting in the part Israeli-owned complex, which was popular with wealthy Kenyans and expatriates. A Kenyan security source and a Western intelligence official said Israeli forces were also involved in operations, along with British and US agents.

Somalia's Al Qaeda-linked Shebab insurgents have claimed the attack, which began midday on Saturday, when the gunmen marched into the complex, firing grenades and automatic weapons and sending panicked shoppers fleeing.

Kenyan army chief Julius Karangi said the gunmen were of different nationalities. Many foreign fighters, including Somalis with dual nationalities, are members of the Shebab force.

International News

Gunmen kill 10, including child

CIUDAD JUAREZ (AFP) - Gunmen armed with assault rifles opened fire on a group of people after an amateur baseball game in northern Mexico, killing 10 including a six-year-old girl, authorities said Monday.

Two carloads of men carrying AK-47 rifles emerged near the field late Sunday on the outskirts of Ciudad Juarez, which borders the US state of Texas, and opened fire.

The dead included eight men, a woman and the child, said Carlos Gonzalez, spokesman for the Chihuahua state prosecutor's office.

Authorities have yet to arrest anybody or determine the motive, Gonzalez told AFP.

The shooting took place in Loma Blanca, a town outside Ciudad Juarez where federal police killed a Sinaloa drug cartel capo, Gabino Salas Valenciano, in August.

Authorities said earlier this month that they had detained the alleged leader of the Juarez cartel, Alberto Carrillo Fuentes.

Ciudad Juarez was once considered the world's murder capital, with 3,000 people killed in 2010 alone amid a turf war between the Juarez and Sinaloa cartels, but the homicide rate has been falling in the past three years.



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Air France in spotlight as nine held over record cocaine bust

NANTERRE (AFP) - Nine people are being held in France and Venezuela in connection with the seizure of 1.3 tonnes of cocaine stashed in suitcases on an Air France flight, police said Monday.

Confirmation that six people were in custody in France followed Venezuela's announcement on Sunday that three members of their security services had been detained on suspicion of involvement in smuggling that led to the biggest cocaine seizure ever on French soil.

The drugs with an estimated street value of 200 million euros (\$270m) were found inside 30 suitcases on a Caracas-Paris flight, according to French Interior Minister Manuel Valls, who announced the seizure on Saturday.

Venezuela's justice and interior minister, Miguel Rodriguez, said Sunday that an officer from the anti-drug unit of the Bolivarian National Guard and two National Guard sergeants had been arrested.

Police sources said none of the six people detained in France was a French national or employee of Air France.

Cocaine comes from coca leaves grown in countries like Colombia, Peru and Bolivia. Venezuela does not produce cocaine, according to United Nations monitors, but traffickers do use its ports and airports to smuggle drugs to consumer countries.

Experts say the European market has been targeted increasingly by traffickers because the North American market is saturated with over supply.

US braces for shutdown a week before budget deadline

WASHINGTON (AFP) - The White House warned US federal agencies Monday to prepare for a possible government shutdown that could hobble the US economy, as Congress wrangled over a budget deadline.

The current fiscal year ends on September 30, and Congress remains bitterly split over spending, and in particular over President Barack Obama's landmark health care law.

The Republican-led House of Representatives passed a bill last week that would prevent a shutdown at the price of defunding "Obamacare," the president's health reform.

Obama has warned that this is a non-starter, and now the House and Senate are left with

one week to thrash out a compromise.

If the fail, several government agencies and their programs will close their doors on October 1, placing hundreds of thousands of non-essential staff on unpaid leave.

Agencies are finalizing contingency plans.

The Pentagon said some civilian employees would be ordered on unpaid leave, and Congress would have to ensure retroactive pay for civilians required to come to work.

The White House's Office of Management and Budget issued a 20-page memo on how agencies should plan for a "lapse in appropriations."

The State Department also

warned its employees.

Undersecretary for Management Patrick Kennedy fired off a memo warning that such a lapse could mean that "a number of employees may be temporarily furloughed."

Under a similar threat in 2011, the White House said 800,000 of roughly 2.1 million federal employees and contractors would be affected.

The Democratic-led Senate is expected to amend the House's stopgap bill, which funds government at current levels until December 15, by removing the clause defunding Obamacare.

Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid opened what will be several days of intense debate

in the chamber, and set up a likely test vote for the bill on Wednesday.

But Reid insisted he would not let a group of Republican "fanatics" achieve "take the federal government and our economy hostage to their demands."

If Reid gets his way, and he is likely to, the chamber would then send the legislation back to the House. What Speaker John Boehner and his caucus do with it is an open question.

Americans are firmly opposed to shutting down government, polls show, even over an unpopular health law.

A new CNBC poll showed 59 percent oppose the idea, while 19 percent would support shutting down government

rather than funding Obamacare.

The US government has shut down several times since the mid-1970s, sometimes for as little as three days.

The last two shutdowns happened in November and December of 1995, the second lasting 21 days, when another Democratic president, Bill Clinton, faced a Congress controlled by rival Republicans.

Parks and museums closed. The budget fight pitted Clinton against Republican House speaker Newt Gingrich, with the president ultimately vetoing a draft spending bill he saw as too austere.

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Health & Living

PANAMA CITY (AFP) - A top UN official said the global AIDS epidemic could be over by 2030 because of progress made in treatment and control of the disease.

Three million new HIV infections are reported each year and the disease, which attacks the immune system, kills 1.7 million people a year.

Two decades ago the average annual cost of treatment per person with HIV was \$19,000 while today it is \$150 thanks to generic drugs.

Moreover, people with HIV are getting treatment earlier, which retards the disease's development.

According to UNAIDS, the annual incidence of new infections has fallen 20 percent over the past decade, and in 25 countries, including 13 in sub-Saharan Africa, it has fallen by 50 percent.

Over the past two years, the number of people who have obtained treatment for HIV has increased by 60 percent.

At the end of 2011, there were 34 million people living with HIV, 69 percent of them in sub-Saharan Africa where one in 20 adults have the disease.

Brazil has 370,000 regular crack cocaine users: study

BRASILIA (AFP) - Brazil has 370,000 regular crack cocaine users in major cities, including 50,000 minors, an official study found.

The report commissioned by the government's Oswaldo Cruz Foundation said a total

of one million Brazilians consume illegal drugs in the country's main state capitals, which are home to 45 million people.

Crack users represent 35 percent of consumers of illicit drugs and 40 percent of them live in the country's poorer

northeast, the study found.

More than half of those surveyed said they used drugs because they were curious about the effects, 27 percent cited peer pressure and 29 percent said family or emotional problems were to blame.

Brazil, with a population of more than 200 million, is the world's largest crack market and the second for overall cocaine use, according to a study by the Federal University of Sao Paulo released last year.



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Ailing BlackBerry agrees to \$4.7 billion buyout

OTTAWA (AFP) - Tech pioneer BlackBerry made a last roll of the dice Monday and agreed to a probable \$4.7 billion buyout by a consortium planning to take the struggling smartphone maker private.

BlackBerry was once a leader in mobile tech but has been squeezed by rivals Android and Apple, which coincidentally announced record sales of its latest iPhone on Monday.

The Ontario-based company said it had signed a letter of intent with a group led by Fairfax Financial Holdings Limited, which has offered to acquire the company.

Fairfax, a Canadian firm headed by billionaire Prem Watsa, is already BlackBerry's largest shareholder with approximately 10 percent of its shares.

Watsa resigned from BlackBerry's board in August when it announced a search for a suitor.

Under the proposed BlackBerry-Fairfax deal the consortium would offer \$9 for each outstanding share, and Fairfax would contribute its own shares in the transaction.

BlackBerry said it would continue a search for a possibly better suitor in the interim.

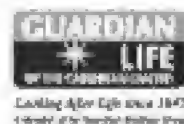
BlackBerry stock was down six percent to \$8.23 before trading was halted just prior to its announcement.

Its shares bounced back in afternoon trading to close at \$9.08 but remain far below the stock's historical high.

Analysts reacted with measured optimism.

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Apple sets new record for iPhones sales launch

NEW YORK CITY (AFP) - Apple said Monday it sold a record nine million iPhones in the three days after launching two new versions of the smartphone.

The figures from Apple appeared to defy predictions from its critics that the company is losing momentum in the smartphone market and in

innovation.

Apple said demand has exceeded the supply for the new handsets, and that some customers will have to wait.

Apple began worldwide sales Friday of the high-end iPhone 5S and a lower-cost iPhone 5C, drawing crowds from Australia to Tokyo to Paris to New York.

Apple also said more than 200 million of its smartphones and tablets are now running the redesigned operating system iOS 7, "making it the fastest software upgrade in history."

Apple shares, which have been under pressure in recent months, shot up 4.4 percent in early trades to \$488.11.

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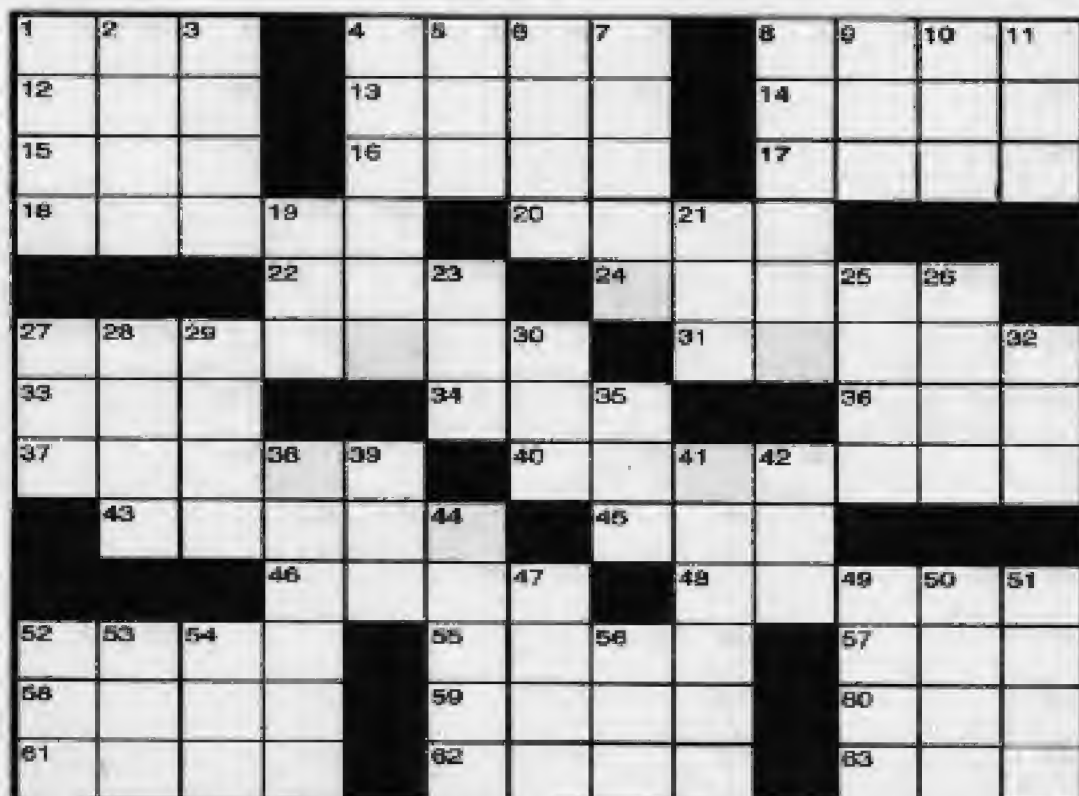
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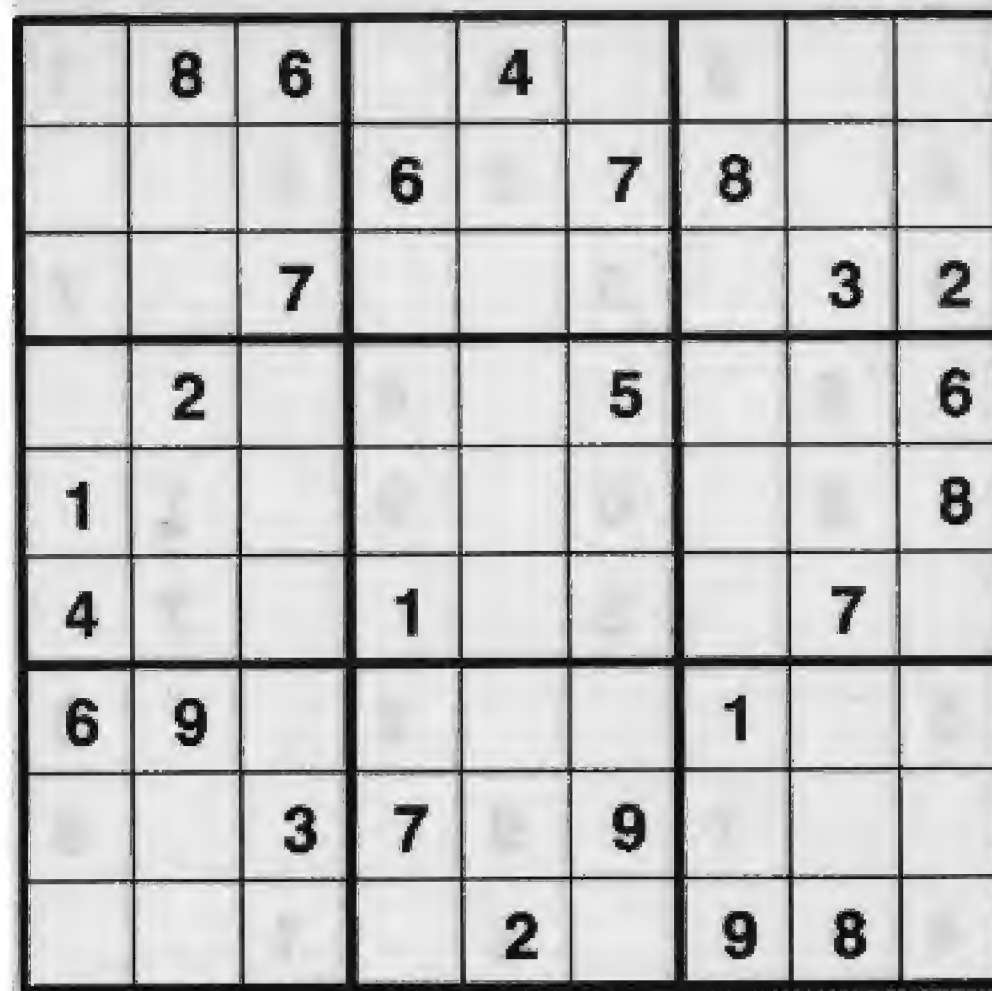
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Complete the grid so that every row and every column contains the numbers 1 through 9
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In addition every rectangle must contain the numbers 1 through 9

French firm to open flexible pipe plant in Brazil

RIO DE JANEIRO (AFP) - France's Technip engineering group said Monday it will open a huge flexible pipe plant near Rio in December to meet demand ahead of exploitation of Brazil's huge offshore oil reserves.

The plant, which will be the biggest in Latin America, is located at the Acu Superport, one of the world's biggest port complexes.

Nelson Porchet, human resources chief at Technip's Brazilian branch, said the factory would be inaugurated in the second half of December and would aim to produce 120 kilometers (74 miles) of flexible pipes in the first year.

The plant, Technip's second in Brazil, will be built with an investment of \$272 million and aims to respond to increased demand foreseen for developing the huge pre-salt oil and gas reserves discovered in 2007 off southeastern Brazil.

The National Petroleum Agency estimates that those reserves, buried beneath several kilometers of ocean, bedrock and hot salt beds, could hold more than 100 billion barrels of high-quality recoverable crude and could turn Brazil into one of the world's top exporters.

YESTERDAY'S Crossword Answer

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Oil prices skid on easing Middle East worries

NEW YORK CITY (AFP) - Oil prices fell sharply Monday amid easing concerns about Middle East tensions and their potential impact on oil supplies.

New York's main contract, West Texas Intermediate for November, closed at \$103.59 a barrel, a decline of \$1.16 from Friday's close.

Brent North Sea crude for delivery in November shed \$1.06 to settle at \$108.16 a barrel in London trade.

Addison Armstrong of Tradition Energy agreed Middle East concerns were abating. "The risk premium related to Syria that had built in the oil markets continues to ease," he said.

The European Union announced Monday that Iran's foreign minister would meet major powers this week on Tehran's nuclear program in what could be a historic top-level contact with the United States.

Commerzbank analysts said Iran was aiming to have the Western sanctions eased, which have caused Iran's oil exports to fall by more than half, to below 1 million barrels per day.

US stocks sink despite Apple's jump on iPhone sales

NEW YORK CITY (AFP) - US stocks closed firmly in the red Monday, extending Friday's losses, amid uncertainty about the Federal Reserve's stimulus taper plans.

A big bounce by heavy-weight Apple on news of record sales of its new iPhone models was not enough to push the Nasdaq higher.

The Dow Jones Industrial Average dropped 49.71 points (0.32 percent) to finish at 15,401.38.

The broad-market S&P 500 index fell 8.07 (0.47 percent) to 1,701.84, while the Nasdaq Composite lost 9.44 (0.25 percent) at 3,765.29.

Comments by New York Fed President William Dudley and two other top Fed officials on Monday created a bit more uncertainty about the future direction of US monetary policy, damping Wall Street sentiment, said Alan Skranka of Cornerstone Wealth Management.

Apple jumped nearly 5.0 percent to \$490.64 after saying it sold more than nine million new versions of its iPhones over the three-day launch weekend, a record. Apple predicted its fourth-quarter profit



and revenue would be at the high end of its prior forecast.

Microsoft edged down 0.2 percent after unveiling two new models of its Surface tablet on Monday.

Ailing BlackBerry meanwhile added 1.10 percent at \$8.82, after diving 17 percent Friday.

The Canadian smartphone maker announced it had agreed to a \$4.7 billion buyout by a consortium led by Canadian firm Fairfax Financial Holdings Limited.

It was the first day of trading of the newly configured Dow index of 30 blue-chip stocks, with Goldman Sachs, Nike and Visa replacing Alcoa, Bank of America and Hewlett-Packard.

Dow member General Electric gained 1.1 percent after

winning a \$2.2 billion contract to provide turbines for six power plants in Algeria.

Boeing, another Dow component, rose 0.8 percent. Budget airline Norwegian Air Shuttle called a meeting this week with Boeing to discuss a raft of technical problems with its two 787 Dreamliners.

General Motors rose 0.8 percent after Moody's upgraded the automaker to investment quality. GM said it would buy back \$3.2 billion in shares owned by the UAW union's trust.

Bond prices rose. The yield on the 10-year Treasury dropped to 2.71 percent from 2.73 percent Friday, while the 30-year fell to 3.75 from 3.76 percent. Prices and yields move inversely.

Delta, Virgin win antitrust nod for transatlantic pact

WASHINGTON (AFP) - The US government Monday granted Delta Air Lines and Virgin Atlantic Airways antitrust immunity for their proposed transatlantic joint venture, saying it would likely boost competition.

The Department of Transportation said it had approved the request from the two airlines for protection from prosecution over antitrust issues.

"We have concluded that, overall, the alliance and joint venture will be pro-competitive and are likely to generate substantial public benefits to the traveling public," DOT said in its order.

In June, US and EU antitrust authorities approved Delta Air Lines' proposed purchase of a 49 percent stake in Virgin Atlantic to build a joint transatlantic service, after determining the deal would not hurt competition.

But the venture also had sought the Department of Transportation's grant of immunity from any possible anti-

trust action under US law against the venture.

In December Delta announced it would buy the stake from Singapore Airlines for \$360 million, with the Virgin Group retaining its 51 percent share.

The deal will put Delta and Virgin Atlantic into a joint venture which will offer as

many as 31 round-trip flights between Britain and the United States, including 23 to or from the key London-Heathrow hub.

Delta and Virgin argued that their tie-up would offer more competition to American Airlines and British Airways, whose own cooperation holds a powerful share of the US-Heathrow market.

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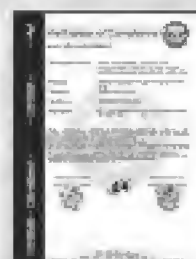
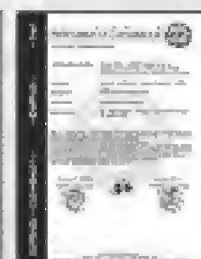
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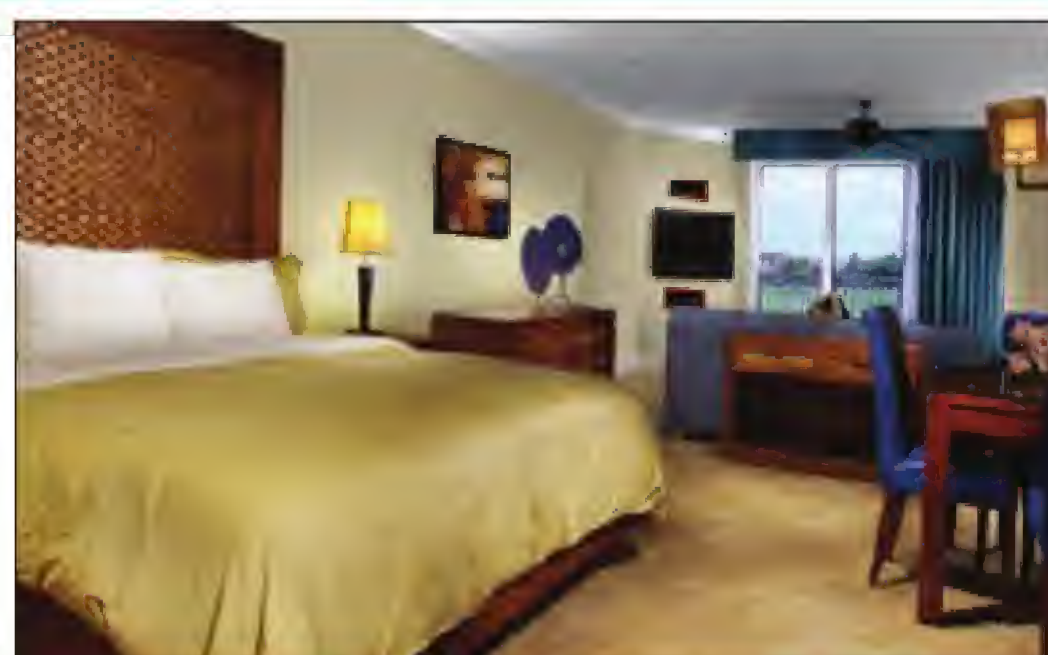


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Delicious Breakfast

--A favorite stop for a great burger for lunch or dinner has just expanded their hours and menu to offer some of the best breakfast bargains to be found in Palm Beach. Owners Aaron and Rosie Walisever are living their dream: a home on paradise while welcoming all and

sundry to their proud undertaking. 5 Burgers Aruba. The couple's fanatical dedication to giving their customers what they really want has resulted in a unique menu from an internationally known franchise with a "5", which now includes breakfast

"You never get a second chance to make a first impression," believes Aaron. Upon entering 5 Burgers Aruba in The Village Mall in Palm Beach, one is struck by utterly spotless surroundings and a smiling, friendly, attentive service crew. Of course, the main item on the menu is burgers-the way they were meant to be, thick and juicy, made fresh daily and 100% pure beef, the kind that made the hamburger a traditional American treat.

However, beginning at 7 a.m., patrons can now order 2

eggs any style, (omelets with 3 fillings are \$7.99) toast and coffee with unlimited refills for the special introductory price of only \$3.99, or All-you-can-eat pancakes for \$6.99! A new plate called the "Home Run" comes with 2 eggs, bacon or sausage, 2 pancakes, toast & home fries - for only \$9.99! Best of all - unlimited coffee or tea - that is, refillable and never ending is only \$.79! Breakfast is served from 8am until noon. Famous for their fries made from fresh potatoes, Aaron has been working for months on devising the most irresistible home fries recipe, chunky and tender with skins still on; after much testing and tasting, he got the thumbs up from his harshest critic, Rosie; so this is another treat you have to try.

A glance at their burger menu will certainly tempt you to return for lunch or dinner, to sample their famous specialty items such as the Gouda, Farmer's or Man Burger (al-

most 12 ounces of choice beef), and a Western Burger with Aaron's secret-recipe crispy onion rings. All of these can be personalized with an incredible array of toppings, (mushrooms, jala-peño peppers, bacon, cheese, lettuce, tomato...whatever, the list goes on) at absolutely no extra cost.



5 Burger portions are ENORMOUS! Aaron suggests that even their small serving of fries is enough to be shared by two. He was very amused to watch a famous French chef

demonstrating the best way to make fried potatoes on a gourmet cooking show and could only comment "He stole my recipe!"

Try them the English way-with vinegar, and you'll wonder how you ever ate fries without it. This same 5-star chef also swears by Gouda as the best topping for the ideal gourmet cheeseburger.

5 Burgers is now open from 8am to 10pm-ish Sunday - Thursday. For those late night diners, 5 Burgers is open until 3AM-ish on Friday & Saturdays! Delivery is available to most Hotels and most beaches! Enjoy a great lunch without ever leaving the beach by calling 586-3904. However, we suggest you stop by and enjoy their authentic, heartfelt hospitality; it is not unusual for either owner to sit and chat, sharing their knowledge of the island while making sure patrons are happy with their meal.

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--Continuing with our en route to the World Cup Brazil 2014 we'll present today the #2 - the second best defender of all time list with Elias Ricardo Figueroa Brander who with his talent and skill contributed greatly to his national team.

Elias Ricardo Figueroa Brander (born October 25, 1946, Valparaíso, Chile) is a Chilean former footballer.

Recognized as the best Chilean soccer player of all time, in his central defensive position which has been considered as one of the largest in history, with World Cup as English champions Bobby Moore, Franco Baresi Italian and German Franz Beckenbauer.

Even Franz Beckenbauer and Pele himself have regarded him as the best in his position.

The International Federation of Football History and Statistics (IFFHS) recognizes him as the 3th best South American player of the twentieth century (with Arsenio Erico). Meanwhile, statistical



data Brazilian Football Championship, which stand as the Best Foreign Player who has played in the league from that country in the twentieth century.

Also (among other prizes) was elected three times Best Player of America (1974, 1975 and 1976), despite playing in

defense (something unprecedented even in Europe) and competing against world football giants like Rivelino, Jairzinho, Tostão, Jairzinho, Gerson, Carlos Alberto, Zico, Teófilo Cubillas, Hector Chumpitaz, Mario Kempes, Roberto Perfumo, or Pele in the most brilliant period of South American football.

Elijah was a historic player for club Santiago Wanderers in Valparaíso (his hometown), Peñarol of Uruguay, and International Brazil, and one of the most important players of the Chilean team, with whom he played three World Championships: England 66, Germany 74 and Spain 82.

As a player in his country he was considered the best Chilean player of all time according to multiple surveys in their countries and South American level, including the Institute of Football History and Statistics Chilean (IHE), among other international awards.

He played for the Chilean national team on 47 occasions between 1966 and 1982, scoring 2 goals.

Baseball: Braves, A's clinch division titles

LOS ANGELES (AFP) - The Atlanta Braves and Oakland A's clinched division titles Sunday but both teams needed a little help to get the job done.

Atlanta claimed their first National League East title since 2005 and Oakland wrapped up their second straight American League West crown as Major League Baseball inched closer to the October playoffs.

The Braves headed into Sunday's action with a magic number of one to wrap up the division crown.

Atlanta beat the Chicago Cubs 5-2 but they won the division before the victory due to Washington losing to Miami in the first game of a double-header.

Oakland's Coco Crisp meanwhile clubbed a three-run homer, and Daric Barton and Jed Lowrie each added a solo shot as the A's overpowered



the Minnesota Twins, 11-7.

In Chicago, Andrelton Simmons hit a pair of homers for the Braves, who took two of three from the Cubs.

The A's clinched their 16th division crown and 25th playoff appearance when the Texas Rangers lost 4-0 at Kansas City during the game.

Sonny Gray gave up four runs and seven hits in five innings for Oakland, but he got solid offense from his team-

mates.

Eric Sogard swatted two hits, had two runs scored and drove in two for the Athletics, who received solo homers from Barton and Lowrie en route to a series sweep.

The A's scored six runs in the second inning and one in each of the next five to set the stage for their celebration.

Oswaldo Arcia homered and drove in six runs for Minnesota.



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NBA: Call them Shaqramento as O'Neal buys into Kings

SACRAMENTO (AFP) - Shaquille O'Neal, a four-time NBA champion who retired in 2011, has become a part owner of the Sacramento Kings, a rival club he derisively dubbed the "Queens" back in 2002.

Indian businessman Vivek Ranadive, a software company founder who became the owner of the NBA Kings in May for a record \$534 million (395.5 million euros) after the team appeared set to move to Seattle, confirmed the move on a Twitter posting.

O'Neal's minority stake in the club gives the former Los

Angeles Lakers superstar 7-foot-1 (2.16m) center a new nickname to go alongside dozens of others such as "The Big Aristotle" and "The Big Shaqtus" he coined in his career -- "The Big Owner".

The move comes after ESPN ranked the Kings the worst of 122 combined teams in the National Football League, Major League Baseball, the National Hockey League and NBA, based upon the team's mediocre attendance and seven consecutive seasons of having missed the playoffs.

Football: Balotelli gets three-match ban after seeing red

ROME (AFP) - AC Milan striker Mario Balotelli has been suspended for three matches after his red card in the 2-1 victory over Napoli on the weekend, the Italian football league announced Monday.

Balotelli saw red after the final whistle when he received a second yellow card for dissent.

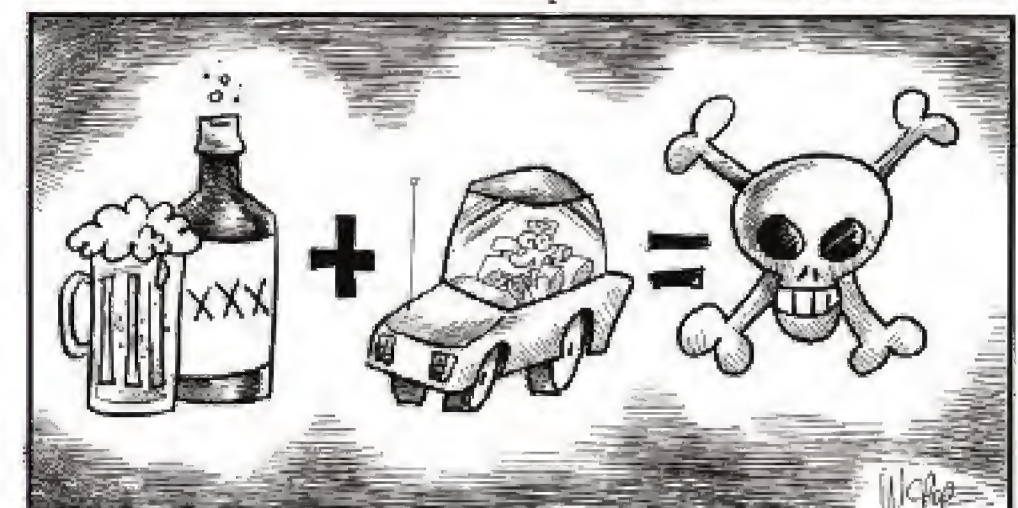
The controversial Italy striker will miss Serie A matches against Bologna, Sampdoria and, crucially, champions Juventus.

Baseball: Yankees lose Sabathia

NEW YORK CITY (AFP) - New York Yankees pitcher C.C. Sabathia will be sidelined for the remainder of the Major League Baseball season and playoffs because of a left hamstring injury, the team announced Monday.

Sabathia, a 33-year-old left-hander, suffered a hamstring strain last Friday while throwing seven innings in a 5-1 victory over San Francisco and doctors say it will take about eight weeks to heal.

Sabathia, a six-time All-Star Game pitcher, won the 2007 AL Cy Young Award as top pitcher while with the Indians.



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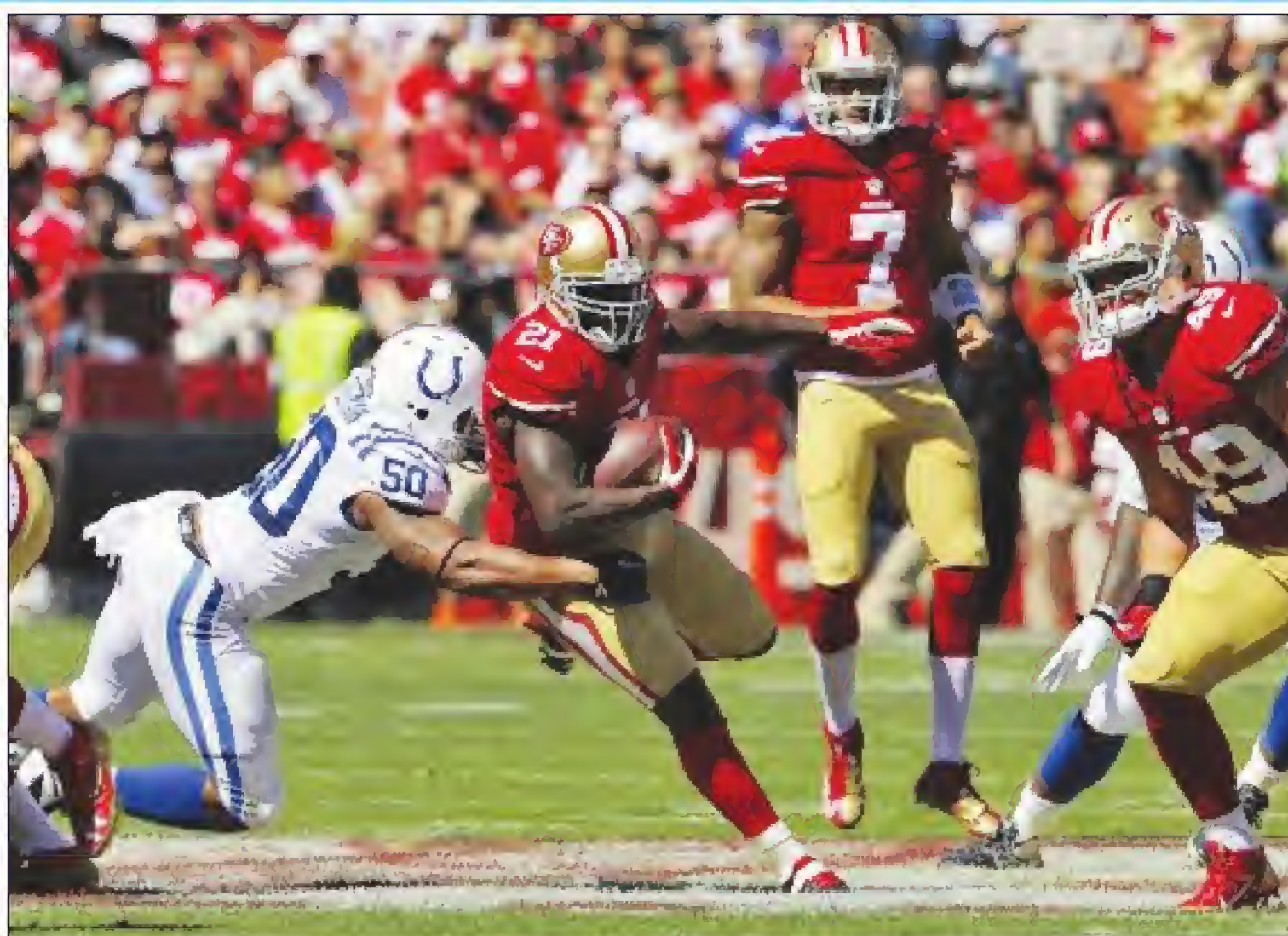
NFL: Luck shines as Colts trample 49ers

LOS ANGELES (AFP) - A return to California proved to be just what Andrew Luck needed as the Indianapolis quarterback led the Colts to a 27-7 rout of the San Francisco 49ers on Sunday.

Luck, who starred at nearby Stanford University during his US college football career, completed 18-of-27 passes for 164 yards and ran for a touchdown as he won the battle of the young quarterbacks by outplaying San Francisco's Colin Kaepernick.

"That was a heavyweight fight right there," Colts head coach Chuck Pagano said. "Just a phenomenal, phenomenal effort."

Luck got some assistance as the Colts also clamped down on the defense by holding the 49ers to 254 total yards.



Indianapolis improved to 2-1 on the National Football League season. They compiled 179 rushing yards, with Ahmad Bradshaw gaining 95 and a touchdown on 19 carries, and the newly acquired Trent Richardson scoring on his first touchdown as a Colt.

One week after suffering four turnovers in a 29-3 loss at Seattle, Kaepernick managed just 150 yards on 13-of-27 passing while being intercepted once and losing a fumble.

In Miami, Ryan Tannehill threw his second touchdown pass with 38 seconds remaining in the fourth quarter, giving Miami a 27-23 win over the Atlanta Falcons in the Dolphins' home opener.

Atlanta kicker Matt Bryant missed a 35-yarder wide right that would have given the Falcons a six-point lead with 4:46 to play.

Tannehill then led the Dolphins on a 13-play drive that ended with Dion Sims' one-handed catch from a yard out.

Miami safety Jimmy Wilson

picked off Atlanta quarterback Matt Ryan to ice the victory.

Terence Newman returned a fumble 58 yards for the go-ahead touchdown with 3:47 remaining and the Cincinnati defense came up with one more stop of Aaron Rodgers, as the Bengals rallied for a 34-30 win over the Green Bay Packers in a wild contest at Paul Brown Stadium.

The Bengals stormed out to a 14-0 lead before four consecutive turnovers allowed the Packers to claw their way back into it. The Packers scored 30 consecutive points before Cincinnati came back with the last 20, including 13 in the fourth quarter to win it.

Seattle quarterback Russell Wilson matched a career high with four touchdowns passes and the Seahawks crushed the Jacksonville Jaguars 45-17 at CenturyLink Field.

Wilson completed 14-of-21 passes for 202 yards and an interception, with Zach Miller and Sidney Rice each catching

two of Wilson's touchdown tosses.

Enter backup quarterback Tavaris Jackson with the game in hand, and he threw for a touchdown and ran for another in the win.

Football: Hamburg announce Van Marwijk as Fink successor

BERLIN (AFP) - Germans Hamburg confirmed the appointment of former Netherlands coach Bert van Marwijk as the club's new boss on Monday.

The 61-year-old takes over from Thorsten Fink, who was fired after two years at the helm last Tuesday, two days after his side were crushed 6-2 by Borussia Dortmund.

Van Marwijk, who coached previously in the Bundesliga at Dortmund, has signed a two-year deal worth 1.4 million euros (\$1.9 million) a year, Hamburg said.

The Dutchman, who had two spells as Feyenoord coach either side of his two-year stint in Dortmund, has been out of work since resigning from the Netherlands job following the country's abject elimination after three group defeats at Euro 2012.

He had previously led the team to the World Cup final in South Africa in 2010.

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| BOSTON | 95 | 62 | .605 | -- |
| TAMPA | 86 | 69 | .555 | 8.0 |
| YANKEES | 82 | 74 | .526 | 12.5 |
| BALTIMORE | 81 | 74 | .523 | 13.0 |
| TORONTO | 71 | 84 | .458 | 23.0 |

| Central | W | L | Pct | GB |
|-----------|----|----|------|------|
| DETROIT | 91 | 65 | .583 | -- |
| CLEVELAND | 86 | 70 | .551 | 5.0 |
| KANSAS | 82 | 73 | .529 | 8.5 |
| MINNESOTA | 65 | 90 | .419 | 25.5 |
| CHICAGO | 61 | 94 | .394 | 29.5 |

| West | W | L | Pct | GB |
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| OAKLAND | 93 | 63 | .596 | -- |
| TEXAS | 84 | 71 | .542 | 8.5 |
| LA ANGELES | 76 | 79 | .490 | 16.5 |
| SEATTLE | 68 | 88 | .436 | 25.0 |
| HOUSTON | 51 | 105 | .327 | 42.0 |

National League

| East | W | L | Pct | GB |
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| ATLANTA | 92 | 63 | .594 | -- |
| WASHINGTON | 84 | 72 | .538 | 8.5 |
| PHILADELPHIA | 71 | 84 | .458 | 21.0 |
| NY METS | 71 | 84 | .458 | 21.0 |
| MIAMI | 57 | 99 | .365 | 35.5 |

| Central | W | L | Pct | GB |
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| ST. LOUIS | 91 | 65 | .583 | -- |
| CINCINNATI | 89 | 67 | .571 | 2.0 |
| PITTSBURGH | 89 | 67 | .571 | 2.0 |
| MILWAUKEE | 69 | 86 | .445 | 21.5 |
| CHICAGO | 65 | 91 | .417 | 26.0 |

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| DODGERS | 90 | 66 | .577 | -- |
| ARIZONA | 79 | 76 | .510 | 10.5 |
| SAN DIEGO | 72 | 83 | .465 | 17.5 |
| SAN FRANCISCO | 72 | 84 | .462 | 18.0 |
| COLORADO | 71 | 86 | .452 | 19.5 |

x-Clinched Playoff Spot; y-Division Champ

Golf: LPGA picks Iowa to host Solheim Cup in 2017

DES MOINES (AFP) - The 15th Solheim Cup between US and European women's golf teams will be staged in 2017 at Des Moines Golf and Country Club, LPGA commissioner Michael Whan announced Monday.

The course also hosted the 1999 US Senior Open, luring a record 252,800 spectators to the US Midwest venue, located about 540km west of Chicago.

"The support that the Des Moines community has shown for golf events has been tremendous," Whan said. "I have no doubt that the 2017 Solheim Cup is already on track to be the best event we've ever staged."

The European squad routed the Americans 18-10 in August at Denver for their first win on US soil and the first back-to-back triumphs by Europe in the biennial showdown after their 2011 victory in Ireland.

The US women lead the all-time rivalry 8-5 with the 2015 edition of the Solheim Cup set for Germany.



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NFL: Niners lose Smith to substance abuse issue

SAN FRANCISCO (AFP) - San Francisco 49ers linebacker Aldon Smith was placed on the unable to perform list Monday by the NFL club after saying he needed time to cope with a substance-abuse problem.

Smith was arrested by police early Friday morning after crashing his car in San Jose and charged with driving under the influence and possession of marijuana.

The 49ers allowed Smith to play Sunday in a 27-7 home loss to Indianapolis, but team chief executive Jed York said

after the game that Smith was going to a treatment facility and there was no timetable for his return.

"I am taking a leave of absence to address my health," Smith said in a statement on Monday. "I am sorry that I have affected my team, my family and the organization. I will do everything in my power to handle this situation the best way possible. I appreciate the support of the 49ers and our fans."

Smith had been previously arrested for impaired driving



in Miami in January of last year and was named in two lawsuits stemming from a house party he hosted in June of last year.

Smith has been one of American football's top pass rushers since the 49ers made him the seventh selection in the 2011 NFL Draft. He had 14 sacks in his first NFL campaign and was second in the NFL last year with 19.5 sacks as he helped the 49ers reach last February's Super Bowl, where they lost to the Baltimore Ravens.